



Alaska State Medical Board

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Topic: Practicing a Specialty Without Being Board Certified in that Specialty

In Alaska, a physician may practice any specialty without being certified by any specialty board.

However, it is the expectation of the Alaska board that physicians meet the "standard of care" in any field they choose to practice. This means that the care rendered must be that which is reasonably expected of an appropriately trained physician in the setting involved.

Board certification neither guarantees that such standards are met, nor does lack of board certification mean that these standards would not be met. It means that at some time, the physician undertook and successfully completed a formal course of training (residency) and passed an examination administered by the board of that specialty.

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